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Dear Aaron-

679 is in the mail. Your results are very interesting -- but they sound a little familiar. I hope you are working with K-12 and not contaminants! FMB medium is really a great help in identifying strains. All spoofing aside, it sounds a bit as if a radiation-resistant mutation has been accumulated between K-12 and 679-680.

I expect that we will be down on the 19th. What in the world is Lu going to Chicago for a vacation for? If the weather is good, we may drive down in our new Plymouth--

That leads to a tale. The grind in the transmission of our old Chev was probably just the pan underneath the flywheel rubbing against the ring-gear teeth of the flywheel, because there was a lot of sand under there and a loose bolt or two. We had no trouble getting back, especially by the time we passed the Ill-Mis border, except what was in our own minds. But we took the incident as an omen from the Gods, and decided to try to get a new car right away. I was tempted to call you and ask you to place an order in Chicago, for a Chev., but my garageman mentioned where I could get a Plymouth, right away, with no frills (not even a heater!). So we did, and I even did better than I expected on the trade-in: \$ 160. It's a nice car, with good lines, visibility, etc.... but I'm not going to be a salesman. Since it's a 4-door sedan, it would be very practical if we should be able to persuade Jane and you to accompany us on our trek across, and up and down, the country next summer.

Thanks for the coat, by the way. Sorry to have put you to the trouble.

Would Smilard or yourself care to visit Wisconsin officially, and discuss photorecovery? Our travel funds are very restricted, but we could pay expenses for the trip. If either of you could possibly manage it, we would be very pleased. There are a great many groups here at the university that would be interested to hear a talk on this subject.

Best regards,